

I am a strong supporter of satellite radio and a strong detractor of petition 04-160. It is a new technology that is creating another option for radio listeners. Why should listener rights be limited by the National Association of Broadcasters? If the NAB's radio stations were able to provide the quality, variety, or level of depth that satellite radio provides, there would be no market. However, the failure of local radio to meet the demands of the consumer, like me, has created a niche for satellite radio.

Satellite radio now seeks to provide programming that targets certain geographic markets with useful information. Where is the harm in this? XM Instant Traffic & Weather is a useful alternative to local news-only radio stations that only broadcast the weather and traffic every half hour or so. I find it very useful to tune in the Houston weather and traffic as I begin my morning commute. I know that I will receive a full update within 5 minutes of turning on my radio. No local station can meet that level of service. That is why I turn to my satellite radio.

The Federal Communications Commission should not set out to limit a beneficial technology. I ask where the harm is in allowing a satellite broadcaster to transmit local information.